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Letter dated 3 March 2006 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to convey to you the unanimous decision of the Group of 77 and China, following a meeting held at the ambassadorial level on 3 March 2006, regarding the introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of staff and financial policies, rules and regulations.

The Group of 77 and China reiterates that it would welcome the Secretary-General's addressing Member States on that report at a plenary meeting of the General Assembly. However, the Group of 77 and China maintains the position previously conveyed that the formal introduction of the report on the review of staff and financial policies, rules and regulations should be to the Fifth Committee, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with established practice and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. You may recall that this is the same procedure that was followed for the introduction of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations a few years ago.

Furthermore, the Group requests that the report of the Secretary-General be issued under the relevant agenda items of the General Assembly, including those allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The Group of 77 and China appreciates the consultations undertaken by you and the co-chairs on secretariat and management reform and looks forward to working together with all Member States to strengthen the United Nations.

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The Group of 77 and China would be pleased if the present letter could be circulated to all Member States as a document of the General Assembly.

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